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WARE

Honoring the sacrifices of the past Ware Remembers many residents



Retired Major Francis (Butch) Moran walked in the Memorial Day parade Monday. Participants walked from the American Legion on Maple Street to Veteran's Park on Main Street.

By Eileen Kennedy Staff writer

WARE – Several hundred people were on hand to recognize the sacrifices veterans have made Monday as the Memorial Day parade made its way to Veteran's Park, where a ceremony was held.

"We're here to honor all those who have gone before us," said Ware Veterans Agent Mark Avis as he welcomed the crowd to Veteran's Park.

here with everyone today on this have fallen in service to this great somber occasion to honor the land. sacrifice of veterans," State Sen. Anne Gobi. Losing 77 veterans to COVID-19 at the Holyoke Solider's Home, and hearing the families describe their loved one's ordeal, was gut-wrenching, Gobi said, as part of her duties on the Holyoke Soldier's Home Oversight Committee. State Rep. Donald Berthiaume, R-Spencer, and State Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, also serve on that committee.

"We let them down," she said. "We can and we will do better."

Smola agreed that a new, \$500 million Soldier's Home will built in Holyoke, bring state-of-the-art care to veterans. Smola said the COVID-19 pandemic has made the past year on everyone, and no group has been as hard hit as veterans have been. "They've been

isolated and had to change their routines completely," he said.

Smola also urged the crowd not to let the political divisions of the past year affect them. "Don't you ever let anyone make you feel embarrassed about this country,"

Retired Sgt. Major Francis Bateman spoke about remembering the veterans who have lost their lives fighting for America and its freedoms.

"Today, we remember all these "I'm really so thrilled to be remarkable men and women who

> To date, more than 1.3 million of our military members have fallen during more than 12 major military actions, including the Civil War, with more than 665,000 dead, World War II and World War I, Vietnam, Korea, the Revolutionary War, and more recently, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan." No matter why any of them joined in the armed services, they all loved their fellow servicemen and women, and duty to their country, he said. "Today, we are charged with remembering them. Those that made the ultimate sacrifice." Bateman said. "A debt that we can never repay."

> He said they were ordinary citizens who acted in extraordinary

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Cindi LaBombard missed at event

By Eileen Kennedy Staff writer

WARE - The 11th annual Ware Remembers ceremony did not have a crowd attending due to the rainy weather, but it was a moving ceremony nonetheless. It was held indoors on the second floor of the Ware Center Meeting House and televised by Ware Community Television.

"There is someone missing here today," said Ware Historical Society President Julie Bullock. "We lost Cynthia Sambor LaBombard last summer. This had become her special project and we hope our management this year meets with her approval."

She said the window upstairs on the southwest corner has been dedicated to LaBombard as it looks out to the house where she

Friends of Quabbin President Gene Theroux also noted LaBombard's absence this year.

"As we stand here at the Meeting House, I cannot help but look across the street and see the former home of Friends of Quabbin Vice President Cindi LaBombard, who passed away on July 1, 2020," Theroux aid.



Turley Publications staff photo by Eileen Kennedy

Carol Zins singing during the Ware Remembers ceremony on Sunday evening at the Ware Center Meeting House.

"On this day of Ware Remembers, almost all of us can fondly remember the passion and enthusiasm that Cindi displayed with each and every organization, event, challenge or activity that Cindi volunteered to support. Earlier today, the Memorial Day Services at Quabbin Park Cemetery were held. If Cindi were with us today, she would have been at Quabbin Park Cemetery and would have carried the Friends of Quabbin banner in the mini-parade, and she would have been here this evening at the Meeting House as Ware Remembers. I'm grateful for Cindi's contributions through her many years of service to the Friends of Quabbin." State Rep. Todd Smola,

R-Warren, and state Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, said the

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QUABBIN

Quabbin towns veterans remembered

By Melina Bourdeau Staff writer

BELCHERTOWN Honoring the 83rd anniversary of

the disincorporation of the Swift River Valley towns of Enfield, Dana, Prescott and Greenwich, historical societies, Friends of the Quabbin, local veterans groups and elected officials met at the Quabbin Park Cemetery in the rain on Sunday.

Belchertown American Legion Post 239 past Commander Keith Poulin began the ceremony.

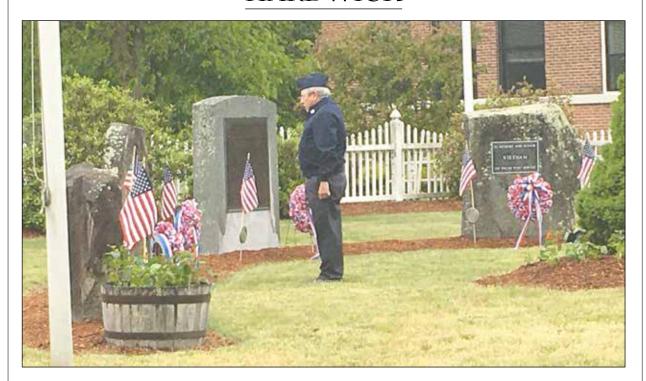
"Like so many towns across the United States, the towns of the Swift River Valley have over the years honored their war dead on Memorial Day until their own demise in 1938. Since then, the

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President of the Friends of the Quabbin, Gene Theroux, places a wreath during the Memorial Day ceremony in honor of the town of Greenwich.

HARDWICK



Turley Publications staff photo by Paula Ouimette

Hardwick held its Memorial Day observances Sunday including placing flags at the Wheelwright veterans

HARDWICK - Members of John J. Weir American Legion Post 246, under Commander Donald Martel, placed wreaths and read the names of fallen military men and women, followed by Taps, throughout Hardwick and its villages. The ceremony began in at the memorial

in Wheelwright, followed by the

Hardwick Common memorial and

both cemeteries located there, the

SEE MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 10.

Military honored throughout town

Gilbertville memorial and ended in St. Aloysius Cemetery. A growing crowd of residents followed the procession at each stop.

Reading the names of the fallen, was Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos. Joining the American Legion

were Board of Selectmen members Julie Quink and H. Robert Ruggles and State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, R-Spencer. The Hardwick Police Department, led by Chief James Ayotte, and the Hardwick Fire Department, led by Chief Raymond Walker, showed their respect for those that paid the ultimate sacrifice for the United

WARREN

Tribute paid to fallen veterans

WARREN - Residents paid tribute to their fallen military men and women despite the heavy rain and cold weather on Sunday, May 30 at St. Stan's pavilion on South Street.

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Turley Publications staff photo State Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, spoke during Warren's Memorial Day ceremony on Sunday at St. Stan's pavillion in West Warren.

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Mary Midura recognized those in last week's photo, including her mother, Jennie M. Tobiaz. Last week's photo showed Al Albrecht and Jennie Tobiasz of the Ware Council on Aging, upper photo, and Reid Jeffrey and the Rev. Alan Gates elow. Looking on behind Albrecht and Tobiasz are from left, Shirley Peck, Patty Orszulak, the Rev. everly Prestwood-Taylor, the Rev Alan Gates and CROP Walk treasurer Gerry Sinnamon. A total of \$1,490.75 was returned to Ware from the amount

raised in the walk.

Zoom presentation on attracting birds, butterflies and bees

If you recognize those folks in this week's photo,

please send the identification as well as your full

HARDWICK - There will be a presentation, "Attracting Birds, Butterflies, Bees and Other Beneficials," Thursday, June 24,, at 7 p.m., on Zoom.

name to ekennedy@turley.com.

"Attracting Birds, Butterflies, Bees and Other Beneficials," is a power point presentation offered by naturalist and landscaper John Root, and describes the essential roles played by birds, pollinators, and other beneficial wildlife and provides guidance on meeting their needs for food, cover and water. A variety of plants that nourish these organisms throughout their life cycles will be discussed, and organic methods for establishing wildlife habitat are also presented. Handouts are downloadable, and comments and questions will be welcome at the conclusion of the program.

It is endorsed by the Hardwick Conservation Commission and this



program is supported in part by the Hardwick-New Braintree Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Join the Zoom meeting by visiting 'townofhardwick calendar" or go to https://tinyurl.com/krhbfzaa or dial by location at 1 646 558 8656 US (New York). The meeting ID is 832 7210 5463 and the passcode is 562836.

NFL players show support for Shiloh Skerritt

Bv Paula Ouimette

WARE - With the help of Ware Police Association's Maurice "Mo" Rondeau, Police Chief Shawn Crevier arranged a special surprise for Shiloh Skerritt and his father, Peter. Last month, Skerritt was the victim of a brutal attack in Grenville Park, leaving him with a broken shoulder. Skerritt would walk the park daily prior to the attack and has been apprehensive about returning.

Crevier, along with Officers Derek Ames and Jacob Crevier, the officers that responded to the attack and apprehended the perpetrators, introduced Skerritt to retired NFL players Steve Deossie and Fred Smerlas. Deossie and Smerlas rode their motorcycles from Boston to Ware last Thursday evening to meet Skerritt at the park and offer him words of comfort. They also gifted him with autographed NFL merchandise. Both athletes played for the New England Patriots at the end



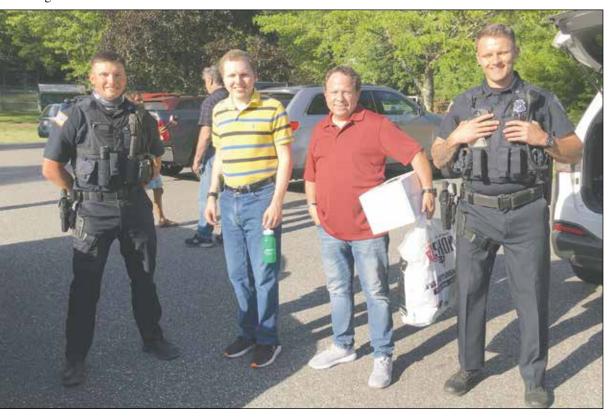
Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette Left to right are former New England Patriots player Fred Smerlas, Shiloh Skerritt, Peter Skerrit and former New England Patriots player

of their lengthy professional football careers, and co-hosted a sports radio show, along with opening a

Steve Deossie.

restaurant together. Members of the Ware Police

Department, Ware Fire Department and Parks and Recreation Commission were all on hand to support Skerritt and meet Deossie and Smerlas.



ABOVE: Left to right are Ware Police Officer Jacob Crevier, Shiloh Skerritt, Peter Skerritt and Ware Police Officer Derek Ames in Grenville Park.

RIGHT: Left to right are former New **England Patriots player Fred** Smerlas, as he shows Shiloh Skerritt some NFL gear he brought as Shiloh's dad, Peter Skerritt, and former New **England Patriots player Steve** Deossie look on.

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114 Main St. owner pays for demolition

By Eileen Kennedy **Staff writer**

WARE - The SelectBoard briefly discussed the Main Street redesign project at their Tuesday meeting. MassDOT and Ludlow Construction officials have met with town officials this past week, according to SelectBoard Chairman Keith Kruckas, and the work of the Main Street redesign project will now proceed. It was being held up by the building at 114 Main St., which has been in very poor condition and was ordered to be demolished.

Voters approved \$400,000 at a March Special Town Meeting to bring it down, but the owner, 114 Main St. LLC, paid for the demolition in the end.

The town would also like to address 92-112 Main St., which is the neighboring building on the other side of 114 Main St. It is owned by Duc Ha, of Newton, and he has told Marques in the past that he wants to save as much of the building as possible. Marques has told the SelectBoard that it is in very bad shape. The town has cited him for several violations.

Kruckas said he was against using taxpayer money to pull the neighboring building down, and it should be the owner who does so. He said Ha had just strung the town along for a year and a half, and didn't do any of the things the town asked him to.

Water Resource Committee

Selectmen decided during their Tuesday meeting to give the Ware Resource Committee, which it created earlier this year, parameters to their work and goals it wants the group to meet.

Before the decision was made there was some acrimonious back and forth discussions between Ware Resources Committee Chairman Terrance Smith, SelectBoard Vice Chairman John Morrin and Kruckas.

Morrin started the conversation by saying that the committee should be disbanded and that "it was off the rails" and "a disaster," after Smith gave his opinion during the most recent Special Town Meeting vote on a proposed water



Turley Publications staff photos by Paula Ouimette

The building at 114 Main St. in Ware was demolished on Wednesday, May 26, due to its unsafe condition, and the owner paid for the work.

filtration plan. Smith said at that meeting that the town's water quality meets all necessary standards, and there will be additional costs in the future including the necessity to overhaul the wastewater treatment plant.

Smith said the SelectBoard could do whatever it wants with the committee, which led to several minutes of back and forth yelling over each other between the three men. Smith said the SelectBoard members didn't understand the financial implications of choosing to build such a plant. They continued to talk over each other, with Kruckas gaveling the desk several times in an effort to regain control.

"If you don't like it, get out," Kruckas told Smith numerous times, eventually leading Smith to leave Town Hall.

As they argued, resident Catherine Buelow-Cascio told the board "I'm shocked at what's going on." She also pointed to Smith's engineering experience with water plants, and the need for his expertise on the committee. She asked the SelectBoard to give the committee a chance to do ts work as it has only had two meetings. One was an organizational meeting and the second was site visit to the water treatment plant and the wastewater treatment plant. She is also a member of the committee.

SelectBoard member Nancy Talbot suggested that instead of scrapping the committee, the board should set parameters of what work it wants the committee to do and what goals it wants reached.

With the unsuccessful warrant article to approve the proposed water filtration plant two weeks ago, the full plan to work on the discolored water and make improvements to the water system must be looked at again, and a step-by-step plan formed, she said.

"We have to make the voters aware," Talbot said of scheduled increases in water and sewer rates to pay for improvements, and what is necessary to improve the system.

Morrin agreed the town did not have a comprehensive message that it shared with townspeople, and that needs to change.

Talbot also suggested the next steps have to be formulated and the Water Resource Committee can help the board do that.

'We have to do this incrementally," said SelectBoard Clerk Tom Barnes, who is also on the committee. Department of Public Works Director Gilbert St. George-Sorel

and Planning and Community Development Director Rebekah Cornell are also on the committee. He said as vice chairman of the committee he could bring information back to the SelectBoard.

Kruckas said priorities need to be determined. "We have to find a way to get it done," said Barnes, talking about overall improvements to the water system.

Dog issue

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said he and Barnes took a drive by the Howard Road address to see if improvements had been made to keep a "dangerous dog" safely in its back yard. He said there is no roof on the outdoor area as was stipulated in the town's regulations.

Although it looked as if the owner was going to withdraw an appearance in court to appeal the ruling on the dog, it appears to be going ahead on June 10. SelectBoard members may have to testify during the hearing.

Kruckas told Beckley the animal control officer should go to the home and determine whether the dog owner has made all the necessary protections in the yard.

Young Men's Library reopens

WARE - The Young Men's Library will be reopening to the public on Tuesday, June 1, at 10 a.m. Our hours for the summer will be Mondays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday mornings in June, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. We will be closed on Saturdays in July and August.

As the library has too library users who are too young to get vaccinated at this time, everyone is asked to please continue to wear a mask while in the library. It also reserves the right to limit library capacity or length of visits to the library if necessary to ensure the safety of all library users. The library will be happy to continue to provide pickup service for library materials for any library users who would still prefer not to come into the library at this time.

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Second Chance works to make sure no pet goes hungry

EAST BROOKFIELD - As the pandemic took hold, displacing workers, many pet owners suddenly had to figure out how they were going to feed themselves and feed their pets. More people than ever were turning to local food pantries for help, many for the first time. Second Chance Animal Services Pet Food Pantry Program was there to make sure no pet went hungry.

Second Chance founded the pet food pantry many years ago, distributing pet food to area food pantries to help keep pets out of shelters and with the people they love.

Wachusett Food Pantry has been working with Second Chance for several years. Wachusett Food Pantry Board Member Nancy Pierce underscores the importance of providing pet food. "We had heard from our recipients in the past that they would rather feed their pets first before themselves," she said. "Donations as a whole had been low during 2019/2020 with the pandemic, and we were seeing an increase in our distribution activity monthly. Pet food donations are not something often thought about as folks think about donating to a food pantry, so the need is always there."

Second Chance CEO Sheryl



Wachusett Food Pantry Board Member Nancy Pierce picks up pet food at Second Chance so area pets don't go hungry.

Blancato has seen pet food distributions to local food pantries increase significantly over the past year. "We are now working with more pantries and providing additional pet food to each pantry," she said.

Blancato is grateful to supporters for donations of food and other supplies to keep the program running

during this critical time. "Our greatest need was and still is plastic bags to prepare pet food for distribution," she said. "Donations of large bags of pet food are repackaged by volunteers into smaller bags for distribution so they can help all the pet owners who need help feeding their

As the pandemic challenged local pantries to serve more people, they also faced the challenge of who was going to do the work as health concerns sidelined some volunteers. A group of Second Chance volunteers stepped up to deliver pet food to the organizations who were unable to pick up food from the distribution site.

Pierce says Wachusett Food Pantry is grateful for the program. "We know our recipients and their furry loved ones appreciate all the bags and cans of food, and yes, treats, which we are able to provide to them," Pierce said.

Despite the brighter days ahead, many pets and pet owners still face food insecurity. Anyone wanting to help, may drop off donations or send them to the Second Chance Adoption Center, 111 Young Road, East Brookfield, MA 01515. Monetary donations are also needed to run the program. Second Chance encourages local food pantries to email info@secondchanceanimals. org for more information on participating in the program. Businesses interested in helping can email development@secondchanceanimals.org for more information.



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In My Backyard



By Ellenor Downer

received an email from an Oakham resident. He said after filling his bird Lefeeder "a colorful explosion with some old favorites like cardinals, purple finches and goldfinches in their new spring outfits, along with some new arrivals, a Baltimore oriole, a rose-breasted grosbeak and the first indigo bunting that my wife had ever seen."

The male indigo bunting is a small finch about 5 ½ inches long and is a deep blue. The female is brown with a paler breast. The female has faint wing bars. Both have a conical bill with the male's dark gray and the female lighter gray.

The male conspicuously sings from tops of trees and shrubs. Its song is a "sweetsweet, chew-chew." Its call is a sharp "spit" and given when someone approaches its nest. The female is secretive and her coloring makes her hard to spot.

The female lays two to six white eggs in a nest of dead leaves, weed stems, grasses, and lines with finer grasses and downy materials. The indigo bunting places the nest in a fork of a tree or shrub. It inhabits brush and low trees near open area like over-grown fields. They forage on the ground and in low foliage for insects, weed seeds, wild berries and grains.

Sugar-loving woodpeckers

I have a pair of downy woodpeckers, which regularly come to my nectar feeder. I purchased a new nectar feeder, which has a wrap around perch instead of individual perches at each nectar port. I think it makes it easier for the woodpeckers to grab and drink nectar from it. I also have a red-bellied woodpecker, which sometimes visits the nectar feeder. If birds had teeth, I would say the woodpeckers had a sweet tooth, Since they don't, I will say they have a sweet tongue.

The red-bellied woodpecker also likes the orange half I put out for the Baltimore orioles. Between the hummingbirds and the woodpeckers, I boil up sugar water daily. I mix ½ cup sugar to 1 cup water.

The nectar feeder also has a moat, which helps keep ants out. I put water in the moat to deter the ants and find the small birds like chickadees and titmice drink from it.

Other birds

I continue to have tufted titmice, a few tree sparrows, catbirds, a pair of cardinals, blue jays, grackles, and black-capped chickadees. I have a tray feeder, which I fill every morning with black oil sunflower seeds. I don't put in a large amount of seeds so there will be no seeds left when the bears prowl about in the evening and night. The squirrels make sure there is nothing left for the bears. I no longer hang suet feeders as the bear walked off with the suet cage. I found it broken about five feet from my hanging pole. The pole has a permanent bend to it, also the work of a bear. It is probably time for me to buy a new one.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100, emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com or mailing to Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.



Early June spotlights specimen perennials

came and has them in a holding pattern. As I write, my peonies are budded up and I am crossing my fingers that they will bloom for my early June birthday. Read on to learn about peonies and two other plants known as specimen perennials.

The word "specimen" has its own definition in horticultural terms. Specimen plants are special, prized for their ability to can stand alone in

a border or foundation planting. They don't need to be planted in a group of similar or differing plants to look their best. Simply put, one is enough! These types of plants are also known to be extremely hardy and longlived. Nineteenth century gardeners must have certainly been aware of these attributes. The patterned beds in the Salem Towne garden at Old Sturbridge Village highlight three specimen perennials that bloom in June: Gas plant, baptisia and peony.

Gas plant (Dictamnus albus) is probably the least known of the three. Stems are deep green and stiff, and even at close to three feet do not require staking. White flowers are borne on terminal spikes and are unique in that two of their five petals bend down to show-off stamens that curve skyward. The common name for this plant comes from the volatile oil that is given off by the flowers and in its seed pods, and can theoretically be ignited on a calm evening. In fact, William Prince's catalog of 1831 notes that "this plant exhales inflammable gas!" I have also learned first hand that the seed pod causes "photodermatitis." Exercise caution when working close to this plant or you too may end up with a star shaped burn on your skin!

Gas plant is tough to propagate. It is rarely successful when divided, and seeds need to be

The crazy heat we had for nearly two stratified before being sown. Then they may weeks straight pushed a lot of June take a good year or more to germinate and perennials ahead. Then, the cold rain another couple of years for the plants to get to size.

Baptisia (B. australis), common-**ON THE**GARDEN ly known as false indigo, is another specimen that shines in June. The plant is reminiscent of lupine and suggests a family relation to other legumes. Gray-green foliage is pretty in its own right, until you see the beautiful deep blue-purple pea-like

> feet wide, one plant is certainly enough per grouping. The size of the plant you purchase may lead you to think otherwise, though, since transplants are usually tiny and take a couple of seasons to establish. Site false indigo in full sun or partial shade in rich soil. Refrain from moving the plant once it reaches full size or its deep tap root may be compromised. Blackish seed pods are hardly decorative on the plant, but do look nice in autumn decorations.

flower spikes that emerge in mid-

month. Easily four feet tall and three

My favorite specimen of all is saved for discussion last: the peony. Perhaps I am biased because I grew up with a division of my Babci's (Grandmother's) plant in my childhood garden. Frilly and bubblegum pink, this flower was always cut and put in a vase just in time for my birthday! The variety we had was likely 'Monsieur Jules Elie' introduced in 1888, and available in nearby New York in 1917. 'Festiva Maxima' is the white splashed red flowered variety grown at the Towne garden as well as in my home landscape these days, alongside a division of Babci's plant.

Choose a location that receives six or more hours of sun a day for your peony. If your soil is average, the addition of a balanced fertilizer may be all that is necessary at planting. Bear in mind that too much nitrogen will encourage

lots of leaves but few roots and flowers. An established peony is drought resistant, but if spring rains are scarce, a weekly watering will promote good flowers.

Heavy peony flowers, especially the old-fashioned types will no doubt bow down to the ground in the wind and rain unless staked. I usually pick some for the vase in the bud stage in an attempt to avoid this task, but nevertheless staking makes the plant nice and tidy and should be accomplished. Middle weight bamboo stakes inserted into the ground on the outer edge of the plant cut to three-quarters its height, work well. Run two rows of twine or jute at one third and two thirds up the bamboo, respectively. Simply start by tying a knot on one stake, wrapping around the next and tightening as you go. If green bamboo and jute are used the staking will hardly be visible, especially if you don't tighten so much that it looks unnatural.

One year my peony buds wilted and dried up just prior to bloom. The culprit was botrytis. Good hygiene can reduce the risk of this fungus invading your garden. Each fall simply cut the stems of herbaceous peonies down to the ground. Haul them off to the trash, don't compost. If watering is necessary, do so early in the morning and water at the plant's base rather than overhead to keep foliage dry. Any stems that show signs of wilting should be cut away and thrown in the trash as well.

Plant specimen perennials in your landscape for years of enjoyment.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@ turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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SOCIAL SECURITY **MATTERS**

Should my wife wait until age 70 to claim?

By Russell Gloor Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I'm 74 and receiving my Social Security benefits. My wife is 68, and we are delaying her benefits until she's 70. But I read an article about a wife receiving half of her husband's benefit, which makes me wonder if my wife waiting is smart. Please let me know your thoughts. Signed: Wondering

Dear Wondering: Your wife waiting until she is 70 to claim her own Social Security retirement benefit may be a smart move, but only if her age 70 benefit will be more than the benefit she is already entitled to as your spouse. Her benefit as your spouse is 50% of the benefit you were entitled to at your full retirement age (66). She would get that 50% because she has already reached her own full retirement age (FRA), but your wife's spousal benefit doesn't grow beyond what she's entitled to at her FRA. Her own Social Security retirement benefit, however, grows by .667% per month until she is 70, at which point it reaches maximum (32% more than her FRA benefit amount). So, the question is, which will be higher: her spouse benefit, or her age 70 benefit? If the answer is her spousal benefit, then she should claim that now. But if the answer is her age 70 benefit, waiting until she is 70 makes more sense.

There is, however, another option which would work even better if your wife's own benefit at age 70 will be her highest. Since you are already collecting, and because your wife was born in 1953, she is eligible to file a "restricted application for spousal benefits only." Doing so would allow her to collect her 50% spouse benefit from you now, while still allowing her own Social Security retirement benefit to grow to maximum at age 70. That would give your wife half of your FRA benefit



amount each month, while she simultaneously maximizes her own Social Security retirement benefit. Then at age 70, when her personal benefit reaches maximum, she can switch to her own higher benefit. I suggest that your wife get a Statement of Estimated Benefits from Social Security to determine if her age 70 benefit will be higher than her spouse benefit. If so, she can file the "restricted application for spouse benefits only" and then simply wait until she is 70 to switch from her spouse benefit to her own higher benefit (32% more than her FRA amount).

Note that this "restricted application for spouse benefits only" option is no longer available to anyone born after January 1, 1954, but is still available to your wife because she was born before that. Unless her spousal benefit will be her highest, I suggest that your wife file the "restricted application for spouse benefits only" which will give her 50% of your FRA benefit amount (including COLA awarded since then). She should also ask for 6 months retroactive spouse benefits since she was eligible to do this at her FRA.

The easiest way for your wife to get her Statement of Estimated Benefits is by using her personal "My Social Security" online account. If she doesn't yet have an online account with Social Security, it is easy to create one at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. She will need that account anyway to apply for her benefits online, which is by far the most efficient way to apply.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor

HISTORY MATTERS

History Matters is a biweekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which is given to children's books that emphasize the importance of American history.

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith Guest columnists

June 1 to June 15

On Jan. 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation put an end to slavery in the United States, but it took time for the news to advance. The state of Texas, for example, did not know anything about it until two years later, when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston on June 19, 1865, after the War, and announced the news to the enslaved people

According to History.com, "The day instantly became an important one to the African

American citizens of Texas, who held annual celebrations and even made pilgrimages to Galveston each Juneteenth."

In no time, festivities proliferated throughout the nation; now, 47 states and the District of Columbia recognize Juneteenth as a holiday, but Texas was the first to decree annual observance of June 19th in 1979.

For more information about Juneteenth, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends books such as "The Fire Next Time," by James

Lafayette

Benjamin Franklin, the Continental Congress's envoy to France, was not enthusiastic about having 19-year-old Marquis de

Lafayette volunteer his military expertise to the colonial revolutionary forces two years into the War. Nevertheless, Lafayette, whose full name was Marie-Joseph Paul Roch Yves Gilbert du Motier, made the difficult journey, and arrived in South Carolina on June 13, 1777. He hoped to be General George Washington's second in command. Though his youth might have been an issue when he made his case to Congress, the Marquis' offer of service was accepted by Washington, and he was commissioned as a Major-General.

Lafayette served with distinction in numerous battles, but in February 1778 when France and the American Revolutionary forces signed a formal treaty of alliance, it set off a declaration of war between France and Britain. By the time

Lafayette returned to France, he had proven himself in battle, his loyalty to the American cause, and Benjamin Franklin admitted the Marquis had demonstrated his worth.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends is Sarah Vowell's "Lafayette in the Somewhat United States.'

First Black West Point cadet

"Henry Flipper did all his country asked him to do." President Bill Clinton said of Henry Ossian Flipper, the first African American graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Life was not easy for him. He was born into slavery in Thomasville, Georgia, in 1856; after he completed his studies on June 14, 1877, he wrote his autobiography, which revealed the cruel treatment he had received at West Point.

According to History.com, Flipper recalled how "he was socially ostracized by white peers

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Left to right are Lila Broadley, Veterans Agent Gary Lapine, Aviendha Andreoli, Kaitlyn Nault, Grace Smart and Alex Ostout. Students helped place flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

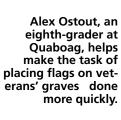
Quaboag students place flags for Memorial Day

BROOKFIELD - Quaboag Regional Middle School students helped Warren and West Brookfield Veteran's Agent Gary Lapine place the flags on the graves of the veterans in the towns' cemeteries for Memorial

This /was the 25th straight year that Quaboag students, coordi-

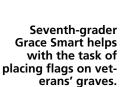
WARREN/WEST nated by Social Studies teacher Joseph Salvadore, have helped place the flags. The help by the students takes what would be a difficult and time consuming task for the older veterans, and makes it a manageable task to accomplish in two hours.Lila Broadley, Veterans Agent, Gary Lapine, Aviendha Andreoli, Kaitlyn Nault, Grace Smart, Alex Ostout

Quaboag eighth-grader Aviendha Andreoli helps place flags on veterans' graves.



Lila Broadley helps place flags on veterans

graves.





Courtesy photos

Kaitlyn Nault places flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

By Paula Ouimette Staff Writer

WARE - Last week Boy Scouts from Troop 281 placed flag collection boxes at locations around town in preparation for Flag Day. People can visit any of the locations and drop off their worn or damaged

American Flags for proper retire-

For the last 10 years, Boy Scout Troop 281 has assisted veterans with Earle F. Howe American Legion Post 123 with the annual flag retirement program on held on Flag Day, June 14. Scoutmaster Dan Flynn said, "For a few years, Big Y has offered a collection bin, but since COVID-19, they no longer do that."

The majority of the flags come from the various military organizations who replace the American flags in local cemeteries each year prior to Memorial Day. A new American Flag is placed at each veteran's gravesite, and the Scout takes a moment to pause and reflect on the sacrifice that veteran made for their country. For years, local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts have had the honor of assisting the VFW Post 2577, American Legion Post 123, AMVETS 2577 and others in the annual replacement of American Flags in Ware cemeteries. Over 3,000 flags are replaced each year at the cemeteries.

For many of the Scouts, this act of patriotic service is part of their overall involvement in their community. "We have a half dozen Boy Scouts working on their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. The merit badge requires that the participating Scout perform eight hours of community service. Mr. Stuart Beckley, the merit badge counselor, and myself, came up with a thought that each Scout would take the time to construct flag collection bins, place the bins in local businesses, maintain the bins, and by June 13, remove and transport all of the collected flags to the American Legion Post," Flynn said. "On Flag Day, each would participate in the retirement ceremony...all of this effort would contribute to the hours needed for service.'

He said that annually, the retirement ceremony would consist of 4,000 to 5,000 collected flags. Providing bins for residents to drop off their flags in advance has given the Scouts a leg up on the process.



Cub Scouts from Ware Family Pack 520 replace American Flags at Mo.unt Carmel Cemetery last Friday. Boy Scouts from Troop 281 replaced the flags in Aspen Grove Cemetery. New flags were placed on the gravesites of veterans to prepare for Memorial Day.





Turley Publications Photos by Paula Ouimette Cub Scout Eileen Flynn helps put a new American flags on veterans graves in preparation for Memorial Day.

"So far the response to the bins has been truly overwhelming. One Scout has already reported that their bin at a local bank has over 25 American Flags in it, with more coming," said Flynn.

Flag donation bins can be found at the following Ware locations: Country Bank For Savings, 155 West Street: Wilton's Children Store, 50 East Main Street; North

Brookfield Savings Bank, 40 Main Street: Monson Savings Bank, 136 West Street; NAPA Auto Parts, 175 West Street and also in East Brookfield at E.B. Flatts Restaurant, 245 West Main Street

On Monday, June 14, Flag Day ceremonies will be held at the Earle F. Howe American Legion Post 123. 45 Maple Street. Boy Scouts from Troop 281, sponsored

by AMVETS Post 123, will be assisting the American Legion in retiring all of the flags collected. The public is welcome to attend the ceremony which begins at 6 p.m. For more information about American Flag collections, people may contact Flynn at 413-297-5886 or email scoutdad281@charter.net.











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public safety

Ware Police Log

Monday, May 24

12:20 a.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Services Rendered 1:35 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street - Services Rendered

5:49 a.m. Fire, Report Maple Street – Referred to Other

9:12 a.m. Ambulance Request Old Poor Farm Road – Services Rendered

12:01 p.m. Sudden Death Report Pulaski Street - Services

2:38 p.m. Harassment Complaint Maple Street -Referred to Other Agency

3:05 p.m. Ambulance Request West Main Street - Services Rendered

4:48 p.m. Disturbance West Street – Arrest, Felony Charge Arrest: Martin W. Henrich, 43,

Disorderly Conduct; Assault (With Bodily Fluids); Trespass

5:37 p.m. Fire, Report Pleasant Street – Referred to Other Agency 7:36 p.m. Burglary/Breaking

and Entering Third Avenue -**Investigation Pending**

Tuesday, May 25

6:31 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Dale Street - Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge

Arrest: Jaimie Lussier, 30, Ware OUI-Drugs; Drug, Possess Class A

9:56 a.m. Ambulance Request South Street – Services Rendered 12:58 p.m. Ambulance Request

Sygiel Road – Services Rendered 1:11 p.m. Harassment Complaint Gilbertville Road -

Services Rendered 1:30 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Services Rendered

5:25 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Palmer Road - Citation

7:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Cherry Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge

Arrest: Alan Provost III, 22,

License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Inspection/ Sticker, No; Marked Lanes

Wednesday, May 26

6:59 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered

7:04 a.m. Harassment Complaint Gilbertville Road -

Services Rendered Wildflower Drive - Services Misdemeanor Charge

Rendered 9:35 a.m. Accident, Vehicle

Vigeant Street - Services Rendered

10:59 a.m. Ambulance Request Main Street – Services Rendered

17-24, the Hardwick/New

Braintree Police Department

responded to 84 building/property

checks, eight directed/area patrols,

10 radar assignments, eight traffic

controls, 19 emergency 911 calls,

seven motor vehicle stops, three

complaints, two safety hazards,

one larceny/theft/shoplifting and

three animal calls in the town of

Monday, May 17

Grove Street – Spoken To

8:35 a.m. 911 – Safety Hazard

2:18 p.m. Initiated – Safety

Hazard Main Street – Spoken To

Wednesday, May 19

11:53 a.m. 911 - Misdial Citation Issued

Hardwick.

Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of May Church Street - No Action

Required

Negative Contact

Report Taken

11:30 a.m. Ambulance Request Vernon Street – Services Rendered 12:14 p.m. Ambulance Request

Doane Road – Services Rendered 12:52 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) West Street - Investigation Pending

1:12 p.m. Vandalism River Road – Services Rendered

5:36 p.m. Ambulance Request East Street – Services Rendered 6:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Pine Street – Citation

6:36 p.m. Ambulance Request South Street – Services Rendered 7:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Maple Street – Criminal

9:28 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Main Street – Written

Complaint Issued

Thursday, May 27

3:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street - Written

7:38 a.m. Harassment Complaint Gilbertville Road -Services Rendered

7:50 a.m. Harassment Complaint Gilbertville Road – Services Rendered

1:41 p.m. Fire, Report River Road – Services Rendered

3:17 p.m. Ambulance Request Maple Avenue - Services Rendered

11:30 p.m. Ambulance Request East Court – Services Rendered

Friday, May 28

2:06 a.m. Ambulance Request East Street – Referred to Other Agency

2:44 a.m. Silent, 911 Call Old Gilbertville Road – Area Searched Negative

5:57 a.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Walnut Street - Motor Vehicle Accident

10:55 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village - Services Rendered

2:30 p.m. Accident, Vehicle North Street - Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000

3:20 p.m. Fire, Report Eagle Street – Referred to Other Agency 6:54 p.m. Accident, Vehicle West Main Street - Motor Vehicle

Accident Over \$,1000 9:43 p.m. Ambulance Request Eagle Street – Referred to Other

Agency 11:23 p.m. Accident, Vehicle 7:17 a.m. Ambulance Request Greenwich Plains Road – Arrest,

Arrest: Kelly L. Ziencina, 52,

OUI-Liquor or .08%

Saturday, May 29 3:34 a.m. Fire, Report East

8:34 p.m. Phone – Neighbor

Dispute Main Street – Investigated

Friday, May 21

Investigation Main Street -

Theft/Shoplifting Petersham Road

Emergency Ridge Road

Transported to Mary Lane

12:31 a.m. Initiated -

8:09 a.m. Phone – Larceny/

9:40 a.m. 911 - Medical

11:27 a.m. Phone – Medical

4:22 p.m. Initiated – Motor

Emergency Main Street – Spoken

Vehicle Stop Barre Road -

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Street - Referred to Other Agency 5:41 a.m. Alarm Fire Main

Street – Services Rendered 12:43 p.m. Accident, Vehicle North Street - Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000

3:35 p.m. Ambulance Request Church Street – Referred to Other

Sunday, May 30

4:35 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Palmer Road - Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000

7:22 a.m. Hang-up, 911 Call Old Gilbertville Road – Services Rendered

10:32 a.m. Alarm Burglar Main Street – Services Rendered

12:25 p.m. Ambulance Request Second Avenue - Services

12:52 p.m. Accident, Vehicle West Main Street - Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000

8:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation

Monday, May 31

9:45 a.m. Alarm Fire East Main Street – Referred to Other Agency 10:30 a.m. Ambulance Request Quarry Street - Investigated, Report Filed

5:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street - Written

5:40 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Beach Road - No Police Service 9:41 p.m. Accident, Vehicle

Church Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000

7:20 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Walker Road - Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge

Arrest: Charles A. Elmore, 45, Gilbertville

OUI-Drugs; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Drug,

Saturday, May 22

Prouty Road - Taken/Referred to

Hardwick Road – Spoken To

Other Agency

Handled

7:56 a.m. Radio - Gun Shots

10:38 a.m. 911 - Misdial

5:51 p.m. Phone – Complaint

9:23 p.m. 911 - Misdial

Jackson Road - Services Rendered

Sunday, May 23

Mill Street - Peace Restored

Bridge Street – Unfounded

7:25 a.m. Phone – Complaint

9:24 a.m. 911 - Complaint

10:52 a.m. Radio - Medical

2:25 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call

Emergency Main Street - Officer

Main Street – Services Rendered

Main Street – Services Rendered

State Fire Marshal offers summer fire safety tips

Ostroskey shared a number of fire safety tips to residents recently. "Between the pandemic and the long New England winter, we're all itching to get outside and enjoy ourselves," said Ostroskey. "Memorial Day weekend is a good time to prevent fires: tune up the grill; teach teens about gasoline safety; set up safe receptacles for smoking materials; and leave the fireworks to the professionals."

Grilling safety

Between 2016 and 2020, Massachusetts fire departments responded to 427 fires involving grills, hibachis, and barbecues. These fires caused 15 civilian injuries, six firefighter injuries, and \$4 million in property damage. In 2020 alone, there were 74 grill fires that injured one civilian, one firefighter and caused \$454 million in estimated damages.

State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered these safety tips for grilling safety:

Always grill outdoors.

Place grills 10 feet away from the house and deck railings. Make sure grills are not under eaves or overhanging branches.

· Do not use a gas or charcoal grill on any porch, balcony, or fire

Gas grills can be used on first floor decks or patios, but only if there is an outdoor stairway to the ground, or it is at ground level.

Keep all matches, lighters and lighter fluid away from children.

Create a circle of safety. Keep children and pets three feet away from grills. Children should never play near grills.

On April 25, 2020, at 3:52 p.m., the Littleton Fire Department was called to a gas grill fire in a one-family home. The homeowner started the grill on the rear deck and a while later noticed flames coming out the bottom. She went over to shut the LP tank off and burned her hands. The fire coming out the back of the grill ignited the exterior wall of the home and caused \$75,000 in damage.

On May 30, 2020, the Lunenburg Fire Department responded to a gas grill fire in a two-family home at 5 p.m. The grill was on a patio and ignited the exterior wall of the home causing \$115,000 in damages. It spread to a nearby home causing another \$1,000 in estimated damage. Smoke alarms alerted the resi-

On Aug. 5, 2020, at 8:21 p.m., the Revere Fire Department responded to a gas grill fire in a two-family home. The grill was on a third-floor porch and ignited the wall, causing \$110,000 in damage. Smoke alarms operated but the home did not have fire sprinklers.

On Sept. 13, 2020, the Plymouth Fire Department responded to a grill fire on the back deck of a single-family home. Working smoke alarms alerted the residents and no one was injured at this fire. The home had no fire sprinklers and damages were estimated at \$110,000.

Charcoal grills

Propane is the most common grilling fuel, but many people use charcoal grills. Here are some charcoal grill safety tips:

Only use charcoal starter fluid. Do not use gasoline or kerosene to start a fire in a grill.

Never add lighter fluid to burning briquettes or hot coals. Doing so may cause a flash fire and result in serious burn injuries. Charcoal briquettes give off

carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly. Always use charcoal grills out-

NEW BRAINTREE - Two-

hundred and sixteen recruits

reported to the Massachusetts

State Police Academy in New

Braintree Monday to begin 21

weeks of intensive training in a

variety of policing skills and aca-

arms training, emergency vehicle

operation, communications skills,

Never use charcoal grills indoors.

· For proper disposal of grill ashes, allow the coals to burn out completely and then cool for 48 hours before disposal.

If you must dispose of ashes before they are completely cooled, thoroughly soak them in water before putting them in a metal

Gasoline and lawnmowers

"Is your teenager finally old enough to mow the lawn? Then be sure to discuss gasoline safety at the same time; talk about why it is important to let the engine cool before refueling," Ostroskey said. Gasoline vapors are highly flammable and refueling a hot motor can ignite them. Gasoline spilled onto clothing can give off vapors until completely dry and be ignited by any heat source. Gasoline vapors can travel a long distance to find an ignition source, which is why gasoline cannot be stored inside the house. In the past five years (2016-2020), 338 lawn mower fires caused one civilian death, three civilian injuries, four fire service injuries and an estimated dollar loss of \$1.6 million.

· Store gasoline outside only in approved containers.

Keep gasoline away from all heat sources, such as smoking materials, pilot lights, campfires, and grills.

Refuel a cooled lawn mower. Never refill while it is hot.

· Keep hands and feet away from a mower while it is running.

On May 20, 2020, the Charlton Fire Department was called to a riding lawn mower fire. The owner stated that he had just given it a tune up and was mowing the lawn when he saw flames coming out from under the hood.

On May 30, 2020, at 7:35 p.m., the Leominster Fire Department responded to a lawn mower fire in a back yard. The lawn mower backfired as it was being shut down and caught fire. On July 24, 2020, at 12:51

p.m., the Northbridge Fire Department responded to a garden tractor fire in a backyard. The gas tank had recently been filled and the fire started shortly after start-

Gasoline and outdoor fires

"Never use gasoline to start a campfire or add it to any indoor or outdoor fire," said Ostroskey. "We have had so many injuries this year from people mishandling gasoline and other flammable liq-

uids." In the past five years (2016 - 2020), Massachusetts hospitals have reported treating 137 people with serious burn injuries from

On Friday, July 24, 2020, a 43-year old Lanesborough woman was severely burned over 70% of her body surface area when pouring gasoline onto a campfire.

On Sunday, July 19, 2020, a 39-year old Lawrence woman received burns to multiple parts of her body when someone poured gasoline onto a barbeque.

Smoking safety

Smoking was the leading cause of fire deaths in Massachusetts last year, and there have been many fires this spring from improperly discarded smoking materials on porches and in backyards. These fires can smolder undetected for a long time and when they erupt into flames, they travel fast. If they start on the exterior of the building, these fires can get a strong hold before the interior smoke alarms start to warn anyone of the danger.

"If you allow smoking on your property, provide appropriate

State Fire Marshall Peter J. doors in a well-ventilated area. receptacles for discarding smoking materials: a deep ashtray, a can with sand or water. Don't let people toss smoking materials into the mulch, leaves, grass, potted plants or other containers that can catch fire. Don't let them stub them out on the porch railing or stairs," said Ostroskey. "Be a responsible smoker. Remember to put it out, all the way, every time."

On Feb., 2021, at 12:30 a.m., the Milford Fire Department responded to a fire at a single-family home. The fire was started by a cigarette on a rear porch. Two people were injured at this fire. Smoke alarms alerted the occupants. The home did not have sprinklers and damages were estimated to be \$270,000.

On March 18, 2021, the Carlisle Fire Department was called to a smoking fire in a single-family home. A cigarette ignited a porch rug. Smoke alarms alerted the occupants and no one was injured. There were no fire sprinklers and damages were estimated to be

On April 19, 2020 a fire in two apartment buildings in New Bedford killed two men, ages 40 and 49. It also displaced 40 other residents of two buildings. The fire was started in an alley way by smoking materials that were dropped from an upper floor landing in and igniting trash and debris near a dumpster.

Fireworks fires increase

"The possession and use of all fireworks by private citizens is illegal in Massachusetts," Ostroskey said. This includes sparklers, party poppers, snappers, firecrackers and cherry bombs, and more. "Leave fireworks to the professionals, and enjoy supervised displays," he said. "It is illegal to purchase fireworks in another state and transport them into or possess them in Massachusetts," he added. Last year, fires from fireworks increased 180% from 2019.

Around 11 p.m. on June 14, 2020, the Worcester Fire Department responded to a fire in a three-decker started by illegal fireworks. People were shooting off fireworks in the neighborhood and one landed on and ignited the roof. Eleven people were displaced from their home. Smoke alarms failed to operate and damages were estimated to be \$145,739.

On Monday Aug. 10, 2020, the Orange Fire Department and several surrounding communities responded to a brush fire on Tully Mountain in Orange. It took several days to put out in the rugged terrain amid hot and humid weather. Remnants of fireworks and a campfire were found at the seat of the fire.

On July 20, 2020, at 12:30 p.m., a 43-year old Turners Falls man suffered a serious leg injury from illegal fireworks.

On July 9, 2019, a 4-year old Boston girl grabbed a burning sparkler that someone else was holding and received burns to her left hand.

In the past decade (2011-2020), there have been 941 major fires and explosions involving illegal fireworks in Massachusetts. These incidents resulted in 12 civilian injuries, 42 fire service injuries and an estimated dollar loss of \$2.1

Burn first aid

· Stop, drop, cover and roll to extinguish a clothing fire.

· Cool a burn. For minor burns, run cool water over the burn immediately.

Seek emergency medical help immediately for more serious burns. Call 9-1-1.

New Braintree Police Log

24, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 27 building/property checks, 18 directed/area patrols, five radar assignments, two traffic controls, six emergency 911 calls, one safety hazard, one complaint and one animal call in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, May 17

8:18 a.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard West Brookfield Road -

During the weeks of May 17 to Talen/Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, May 18 9:21 p.m. Phone – Complaint

West Road – Gone On Arrival Wednesday, May 19

5:10 p.m. 911 - Complaint/ Motor Vehicle Operations

Thursday, May 20 6:06 a.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Wine Road – Spoken To 12:36 p.m. 911 – Misdial

Worcester Road - Spoken To

Saturday, May 22 10:25 p.m. 911 - Complaint Bernard Whitney Road - Spoken

Sunday, May 23

12:33 a.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Bernard Whitney Road - Spoken

9:19 a.m. 911 - Medical

Emergency Barre Road -

Transported to Hospital

demic subjects. The MSP's 86th Recruit Training Troop will undergo classroom and field instruction in police procedure, criminal law, ethics, defensive tactics, de-escalation tactics, physical training, fire-

State Police begin new academy this week and other relevant topics.

Recruits live at the Academy during the week and return home on weekends. Their training is conducted by a cadre of drill instructors under the MSP's Division of Standards and Training, as well as outside subject matter experts who provide classroom instruction in special-

Following their Academy graduation this fall, members of the Recruit Training Troop will undergo an additional three months of field training, during

which each recruit will be partnered with a veteran Trooper. The new Troopers, post-graduation, will also return to the Academy for additional specialized instruction. New troopers serve in a pro-

bationary status for one year after their Academy graduation. Approximate race and gender demographics of the class

are as follow: White: 67%; Hispanic:16%; Black:11%; Asian: 3%;

Undeclared race: 3%; Female, all races: 15%.

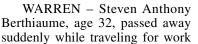


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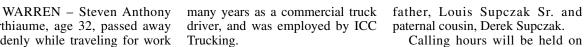
obituaries

Steven Anthony Berthiaume



on Saturday, May 22, 2021, in Canaan Town, New York. Steven was born in Ware, on Aug. 16, 1988. He was raised and educated in Warren and was a 2006 graduate of Pathfinder Regional Technical High School.

Steven enlisted in the United States Army on Feb. 9, 2009 and was honorably discharged with the rank of SPC on June 6, 2012. He served his country with a tour of duty in Iraq. While in the Army, Steven served with the Military Transport Division. Steven was employed for



Steven leaves behind his mom. Lisa L. Berthiaume, his maternal grandparents, Henry and Louise Berthiaume, and his maternal uncles, William, Michael, Maurice and Joseph Berthiaume. Steven leaves behind his dad, Richard E. Supczak, his paternal

grandmother, Marilyn "Chippy" Supczak, his sister, Jennifer Supczak, his paternal uncle, Lou Supczak Jr., his paternal cousin, Francis Supczak, and many more cousins and friends. Steven was pre-deceased by his paternal grandpaternal cousin, Derek Supczak.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, June 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Cebula Funeral Home Chapel, 66 South St., in Ware. A full military honor ceremony will be held at 1 p.m., in the Cebula Funeral Home garden area.

Memorial donations may be made in Steven's memory to K9s For Warriors, 114 Camp K9 Road, Ponte Vedra, Florida 32081 (K9Sforwarriors.org). Masks or face coverings are encouraged, but not required by those attending the visitation period inside the funeral

For more information and online guest book, please visit www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

Myrle A. Harriman

WEST BROOKFIELD -Myrle Augusta (Grutzmacher) Harriman, age 86, passed away on Sunday, May 30, 2021, at Quaboag Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center in West Brookfield. Myrle was born in Chicago, Illinois, on March 9, 1935, daughter of the late Arleigh and Catherine (Lohrman) Grutzmacher.

She was raised and educated in Chicago and was a 1953 graduate of Lakeview High School. Myrle was employed as a nurses aide for over 30 years at the former Lynn Hospital in Lynn. She resided in Peabody for many years, prior to living in West Brookfield for 21 years.

Myrle was the loving wife of the late Owen W. Harriman, who passed away in 2005. She is survived by her loving children; Richard Harriman, Mary O'Brien, Gail Meniates, Lois Harriman, Susan Harriman and Tina Krygowski. Myrle leaves behind her grandchildren; James Meniates, Paul Meniates, Katy Hooper, Danielle Carr, Brad Harriman, John Kingston, Michael Olsen, Daniel Olsen, Christine Olsen, Katie Krygowski, Owen Mullarkey, Kelly O'Brien and Timothy O'Brien. She also leaves five great-grandchildren, and her siblings, Robert Grutzmacher, Louise Springett, Arlyce Williams and Joanne Anderson. Myrle was pre-deceased by her brother, Kenny Grutzmacher.

A calling period will be held on Monday, June 7, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.,

Death notices

Berthiaume, Steven Anthony Died: May 22, 2021 Military Honor Ceremony, June 5, 1 p.m. Cebula Funeral Home garden area

Bortnick, Catherine C. Died: Feb. 27, 2020 Funeral Mass July 1, 10 a.m.

St. Aloysius Catholic Church

Gilbertville Harriman, Myrle A. Died: May 30, 2021 Family remembrance service, June 8, 10 a.m.

Cebula Funeral Home Chapel

Koczur (Pitisci), Anne M. Died: May 24, 2021 Funeral Mass, June 3, 11 a.m. All Saints Church

Piechota (Roberts), Alice Died: May 29, 2021 Funeral Mass June 4, 11a.m. St. Thomas The Apostle Church

in the Cebula Funeral Home Chapel. A family remembrance service will be held on Tuesday, June 8, at 10 a.m., in the Cebula Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. Masks or face coverings are encouraged, but not required while inside the funeral home. For more information and online guest book, please visit www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARY POLICY

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The other is a **Paid** Obituary, costing \$100, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph.

Death Notices & Paid Obituaries

should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

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Catherine C. Bortnick, 90

Cecilia (Lanou) Bortnick, 90, originally of Ware, died on Sunday,

Feb. 16, 2020, at The Houston Methodist Hospital, located in the Texas Medical Center.

She leaves her daughters, Donna Bortnick Matthews, of Montgomery, Texas, and Darlene Bortnick Abdouch, of Houston, Texas. She also leaves

her sons-in-law, Ray Matthews and Michael Abdouch, as well as her grandson, Michael Ray Matthews, and his fiancé, Brandi Kehoe, of Houston. Her surviving sisters are Alice Lanou Mlynarski, of Ware, and Marlene Lanou Lemoine Huie, of Ft. Myers, Florida. She was predeceased by her husband, Walter William Bortnick, in 2007, as well as her father, Leo, and mother, Mary Catherine Kulig Lanou, and sisters, Ruthie Lanou Vallone and Lorraine Lanou Metcalf. She also

HOUSTON/WARE - Catherine leaves behind many nieces, nephews and cousins.

> Catherine starting working at the Ware Knitters when her father was killed and the family needed support. Her co-worker set her up with Walter, whom she married. After marrying, she was a homemaker for many years, bringing up the girls and later entered the job force when Darlene start-

ed school at Warner Elementary. She worked part-time for a vending company and later for SIS Bank in

Springfield where they lived. Since 1954 they kept a cottage on Hardwick Pond and kept close connections with the family, most of whom reside in the Ware and Gilbertville area. Later when the girls both moved to Houston, Catherine and Walter would visit often and once they retired, would spend several of the winter months with them. On the drive back and forth, they would enjoy gambling at The Beau Rivage in Biloxi, Mississippi, and then would round out the winter with a month in Florida. After Walter passed, she moved to Houston.

A funeral Mass for Catherine will be held on Thursday, July 1, at 10 a.m., in St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 64 Church St., in Gilbertville. Burial will be in St. Aloysius Cemetery following the Mass. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, June 30, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware. Her funeral services were originally postponed due to COVID restrictions.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Aloysius Catholic Church, 58 Church St., Gilbertville, MA 01031, the East Quabbin Land Trust, 120 Ridge Road, Hardwick, MA 01037 or to the charity of your choice.

An online guestbook is available at Charbonneaufh.com.

Alice R. Piechota

(Roberts) Piechota, 91, passed

on Saturday, May 29, 2021. Daughter of the late Wallace A. and Lottie Mae (Smart) Roberts, she was born in Palmer on June 5, 1929.

After graduating high school, Alice worked diligently at Friendly's in Ware to put herself through beauty

school, eventually owning her own salon, Alice's Beauty Shop, on Thorndike Street in Palmer. In addition to owning and operating her beauty shop, she worked many jobs; one of her proudest accomplishments besides her family was in her later years she enrolled in a graphic arts program at Holyoke Community College and got a job at Turley Publications. She loved her job and everyone there. She worked into her eighties before finally retiring.

Alice loved to do arts and crafts, she especially loved to do toll and decorative painting. She used to love polka dancing and would travel all over New England with her husband, John, following their favorite polka bands. They also loved Cape Cod, one her favorite times was a fam-

BELCHERTOWN - Alice ily trip when they took her and John driving through the sand away peacefully at her residence dunes and on to the beach for a

cookout. Alice loved family visits and holidays. She loved her trips to the Quabbin with her niece, Janie, and her stop after at McDonald's for her favorite meal, a cheeseburger! In 2019, she moved in to Christopher Heights Assisted Living in

Belchertown. She loved decorating her new apartment and quickly made friends with the residents and the staff there. She loved to play cards, especially pitch, with her best friend, Ann Genero, and her visits with her dear friends, Bob and Ruth Wordsworth. She even started playing bingo, which she said she'd never do! She loved everyone there and they loved her! Alice will be dearly missed by all who knew her, including her loving children, John Piechota Jr., and his wife, Dominique, of Bondsville, Michael Piechota, of Wales, Catherine Reim, and her husband, David, of Palmer, and Frank Piechota, and his wife, Tammy, of Thorndike; her grandchildren, John Piechota III, Benjamin Reim, Michael Piechota, Brandon Reim, Alex

Piechota; her great-grandchildren, Sean Piechota and Hannah Reim; many nieces and nephews; as well as many other extended family members and friends. In addition to her parents, Alice was predeceased by her husband, John, in 2001 and her son Michael's wife, whom she adored, Nancy Piechota, in 2002; and her three brothers Edward, Wallace and

Visitation will be Friday, June 4, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home, 1475 North Main St., prior to Alice's funeral Mass in St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 11 a.m. in Palmer. Rites of Committal and Interment will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery.

The family would like to thank all of the staff at Christopher Heights for their compassionate care and kindness Alice and her family received.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children by visiting https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/ or to a charity of one's choice.

To leave a memory or condolence, please visit www.beersand-

Anne M. Koczur

WARE – Anne M. (Pitisci) Koczur, 78, of Ware, died peacefully on Monday, May 24, 2021, after a brief illness.

On Dec. 23, 1942, she was born to the late Dominick and Mary (Cuzzola) Pitisci. She graduated from Barre High School in 1960, and had various careers through- brother, Ronald Pitisci, out her life before retiring from the Gabriel Narutowicz Club. She enjoyed reading, cooking, volunteering at the Senior Center, and playing the slots at the casino. She enjoyed spending time with her friends and family, and was always ready to feed you the minute you walked in the door.

A devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, she is survived by her children, Steven Koczur, and his wife, Annette, of Gilbertville, Mary-Lynn Phillips, and her husband, Stephen, of

Westfield, and Dean Koczur, held on Thursday, June 3, at 11 and his wife, Jackie, of Ware; a.m, in All Saints Church, 17 North her beloved grandchildren, Jake, St., in Ware. Calling hours were

Emily, Alyssa, Chloe, Jackson, Mia and Taylor; and great-grandchild, Sophia. She leaves her sister, Patti Haskins, her sister-in-law, Becky, several nephews, and her special friends, Marie Stacy and Bev Anthony. Besides her parents, Anne was predeceased by her

husband, Jake Koczur, and a sister, The family would like to

express their gratitude to the staff at Quaboag Rehabilitation

and Skilled Care Center for all the acts of kindness and compassion shown during Anne's stay.

A funeral Mass for Anne was

held prior to the Mass, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., in the Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware.

Burial was in New St. William Cemetery following the Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road,

Ware, MA 01082. Please make check payable to the Town of Ware, with Senior Center on the memo line, or to All Saints Church, 17 North Street, Ware, MA 01082.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.

Live concerts resume at 'Stone Church'

the Stone Church will present two Sunday afternoon band concerts on the lawn: "Summer Swing" by Weir River Jazz, on Sunday, June 13 and "Swing into Summer" by the Weir River Concert Band, on Sunday, June 27. Both events are free, outdoors at the Stone Church, 283 Main Street (Rte. 32), Gilbertville from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Refreshments will be available. The concerts will comply with public health guidelines in effect at the time of each concert.

Weir River Jazz, a 17-member offshoot of the Weir River Concert Band, is dedicated to the appreciation and performance of Big Band jazz and swing music and also performs more modern works. John Sacco, a Vietnam veteran and fordirects both groups, which rehearse weekly in their 'new home' at the Stone Church. Donna-Lee DePrille, a well-known vocalist from the Pioneer Valley, will perform with the jazz group on June

Weir River Concert Band is a 30-plus member, multi-generational ensemble of flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, French horns, tubas and percussion. The ensemble plays music from movies, television favorites and traditional band music classics. It was formed in 2006, providing an opportunity for musicians of all ages from Ware and surrounding communities to bring people together through music.

Following the long pandemic shutdown, these free community concerts are the first in-person

GILBERTVILLE - Friends of mer public school music director, events at the Stone Church. "The concerts were conceived in a spirit of hope by the groups and are presented in a spirit of joy in bringing people together again," said Judy Edington, FOSC president.

> Friends of the Stone Church (FOSC) is a nonprofit, community organization. Its mission is to preserve and protect the Gilbertville Stone Church and to facilitate its use by and service to the regional community. The vision is to use this historic landmark as a place of cultural and community enrichment. Donations are gratefully accepted by check to FOSC, P.O. Box 347, Gilbertville, MA 01031 or through FriendsoftheStoneChurch.org. This program is supported, in part, by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, through its Project

ciled the humiliating event.

Grants program.

The Army overturned his "dishonorable" status in 1976, 36 years after his death, and in 1999, President Clinton granted Flipper a full posthumous pardon.

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends Henry Ossian Flipper's West Point autobiography,

Tri-Parish church to hold plant sale and more tional, favorite and connoisseur HARDWICK The Tri-Parish

Community Church has started planning for its15th annual plant and bake sale. The third annual tag and craft sale will coincide with this event, which will take place on the Hardwick Common, Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each

This East Quabbin area springtime event will feature tradi-

perennials plus selected annuals, heirloom vegetable plants, and herbs. Inishowen Farms, of North Brookfield, Stillman's Farm, of New Braintree, Chicken Feather Farm, of New Braintree, and private gardens will provide plants. Assorted home-baked desserts and breads will also be sold. The event is held rain or shine. Volunteers and attendees must wear masks

and maintain six-foot distancing; hand sanitizer will be available.

Tri-Parish seeks vendors for the tag and craft sale on that date. Spaces will be offered for \$30 each. Applications may be obtained by contacting the church at triparishce@gmail.com or Tri-Parish Community Church, P.O. Box 202, New Braintree, MA 01531. People should reserve a space early. All are welcome.



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Eleven years have passed since you left us. Gone but never forgotten. We miss you!!

Joseph & Doris Supczak's children

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and professors."

After commencement, Flipper served as a second lieutenant in the African American 10thCavalry Regiment, known as the Buffalo Soldiers of Fort Sill, Oklahoma; there, he distinguished himself with his engineering prowess; as a matter of fact, a drainage system designed by him is listed as a National Historic Landmark. It's

known as "Flipper's Ditch."

His career was halted when he was brought up on charges of stealing government money, and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. A court martial acknowledged his innocence of the embezzlement charge, but found him guilty of the conduct accusations for which he was dishonorably discharged. Although Flipper had a "distinguished career" as a civilian engineer, he never recon-

"The Colored Cadet at West Point" and Jane Eppinga's "Henry Ossian Flipper: West Point's First Black

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Quabbin Park Cemetery has become the center of the Memorial Day services for the towns," Poulin said. "Here along with loved ones, also lay bearing the very essence of the four towns and several villages that perished with the creation of the Quabbin Reservoir. Today we remember the veterans interred here on this special plot of land."

A wreath was placed at each monument at the park, one for each of the towns and one in front of the Schmidt bench.

Belchertown Veterans' Agent Charly Oliva read the poem "In Flanders Fields" and Belchertown High School student Haley Bronson read the Gettysburg address.

Local elected officials Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer), Rep. Todd Smola (R-Warren), Rep. Susannah Whipps, and Rep. Jake Oliveira (D-Ludlow) spoke during the ceremony.

Gobi said she wanted to recognize the work being done to restore gravestones in the park, building work and digitizing archive information.

"We appreciate the work you do here making sure the perpetual care promised to the families is being upheld," Gobi said.

She also recognized Belchertown resident Les Campbell and Ware resident Cindi Labombard, both of whom died in 2020.

Two people you typically see when you think about the Quabbin - Les Campbell who devoted more than 70 years of his life to the Quabbin Reservoir," Gobi said. There is currently a bill going through the state legislature to rename the Quabbin Visitors' Center after Campbell and his wife. "Before long that the Quabbin Visitors" Center will be known as the Les and Terry Campbell Visitor's Center."

She said Labombard was one of the first people the legislators would see when they arrived at ceremonies such as the Memorial Day Ceremony.

"On days like this she'd have coffee ready, if it was 90 degrees she would have water for you," Gobi said. "I think about those two today as well and they



Belchertown American Legion Post 239 past Commander Keith Poulin presented the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance at the Memorial Day ceremony Sunday in the Quabbin Park Cemetery.

would have been the first to talk about the sacrifice and the service of the men and women we honor today."

Smola said he wanted to thank the members of the historical societies and attendees of the event.

"The last year has been a challenging year for so many reasons for all of us, but never more so for the veteran men and women, who very sadly, have been added to the rolls of this Memorial Day ceremony because of the circumstances of this pandemic," Smola said.

He also recognized the essential workers who helped to make sure people had what they needed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

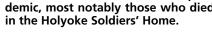
Whipps said she wanted to recognize Gold Star families.

'The mothers, fathers, spouses, siblings, children that didn't have someone come home and today I want to thank them for the sacrifice they have made," Whipps said.

Oliveira said he wanted to express



Rep. Todd Smola (R-Warren) spoke about the loss of veterans throughout the state because of the pandemic, most notably those who died



his gratitude to those who died fighting for the United States.

"The Gold Star families are the ones that carry on the legacy of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. One of my good friends, someone I graduated high school with in 2004, passed away in Afghanistan," he said. "On days like today, when we're paying tribute to people, Josh Laforge, my friend who I lost, is someone I think about...Please remember we have a responsibility to remember those veterans who paid that sacrifice and didn't come back."

> Photos by Melina Bourdeau State Sen. Anne Gobi (D-Spencer) spoke about two residents that died in 2020, Les Campbell and Cindy Labombard.



Belchertown High School student Haley Bronson reads the Gettysburg Address at the Memorial Day ceremony in the Quabbin Park Cemetery.

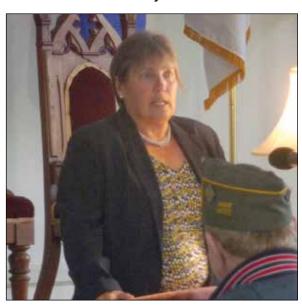


DCR Regional Director of the Quabbin and Ware River watershed, Dan Clark said he encourages people to go to the Quabbin Park Cemetery to see those who are buried there.





Turley Publications staff photos by Eileen Kennedy State Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, speaks at the Ware Remembers ceremony.



State Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, speaks at the Ware Remembers ceremony.



Ware Center Meeting House President Tony Swiercz welcomed people during the Ware Remembers event. Master of Ceremonies retired U.S. Air Force Master Sqt. Derek Ouimette looks on.

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area's Memorial Day events would be lacking with LaBombard. "She spent every single day giving back to the community," Gobi said. "You won't find a better advocate for whatever is needed in this town," Smola said of her involvement in many town events.

LaBombard's name was read along with many others before the ceremony ended.

A focus on women

"We are honoring Cindi's wish to commemorate the efforts of women who supported and worked alongside the men in service to our country, especially during war time," Bullock said.

Throughout history women have assisted the war efforts in many ways, including 400 women who served as secret soldiers in the Civil War, and about 6,000 women were nurses the Union Army, she said.

There were also more than 220 women known as "Hello Girls" who served overseas as bilingual, French-speaking telephone operators in the trenches.

During World War II, the creation of the Women's Army Corps was one of the most dramatic events in American history, she said, allowing women to work in military intelligence, cryptography and parachute rigging. A little over a month after D-Day, some of their members landed on Utah beach where they slept in tents and worked as telephone operators, typists and clerks.

Bullock said women have served the country in the Armed Forces since the Revolutionary War, sometimes having to pretend to be a man, and filling many roles throughout the years.

Gobi said women veterans are the fastest growing group among veterans, making up as much as 40% of the veteran population.

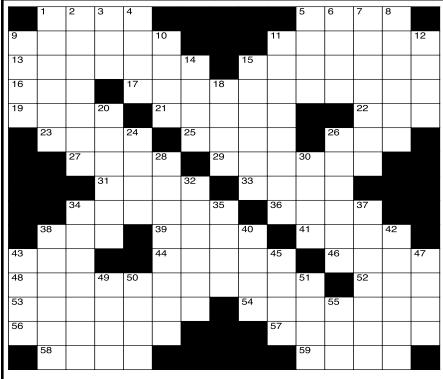
"Ware has a rich history from the colonial wars through the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Theroux. "Let us all honor and remember all those men and women from Ware who served and made the ultimate sacrifice, and some of these heroes whose remains have not been recovered or lost at sea. Let us not forget the 2,665 Massachusetts residents unaccounted from World War II, the 14 Massachusetts residents unaccounted for from the Korean War, the 23 Massachusetts residents unaccounted for the war in Vietnam, and for the two Massachusetts residents unaccounted for from the Cold War."

"On this 153rd anniversary of "Decoration Day," let us be honor and remember those 16 million American men and women who served during World War II," Theroux said. "Without their service and sacrifice, we would not have the freedom and liberty that far too many Americans unfortunately take for granted. Let us keep those Americans actively serving in the United States military in our thoughts and prayers for their safety, and also thank their family members for their sacrifice as their loved ones continue to keep America

free."

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Veterans walked together Monday in the Memorial Day parade.



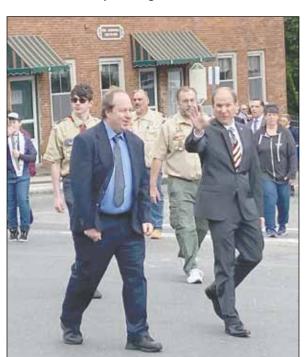
SelectBoard member Nancy Talbot walks in the Memorial Day parade.



David Deslauriers played Taps during the Memorial Day ceremony in Veteran's Park.



Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon and Police Chief Shawn Crevier walk in the Memorial Day parade Monday.



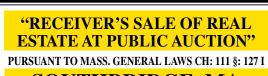
COUNCIL 83 COLUMBUS

OF COLUMBUS

Wreaths were laid at Veteran's Park Monday as part of the Memorial Day ceremony.

Turley Publications staff photos by Eileen Kennedy

LEFT: Town Manager Stuart Beckley, at left, and State Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, march in the Memorial Day parade Monday.



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Veterans Agent Mark Avis speaks at Veteran's Park.



Retired U.S. Army National Guard Sgt. Major Francis Bateman was the speaker for Monday's Memorial Day ceremony.



State Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, spoke during Ware's Memorial Day ceremony.

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ways to protect the country and each other.

"Today, some of us can only look back and recall time spent with these incredible people," Bateman said. "To times that we shared in a foxhole, in a training exercise, or perhaps eating out of our mess kits, during a driving rain. Whatever your memory is, rejoice in it, and celebrate their lives."

He said Memorial Day is the unofficial start to the summer, with barbecues, pool openings and other fun activities on peoples' minds.

"Do these things, and rejoice in the families, friends, and freedoms that we share," he said. "But, first, remember those that died in service to this great land. Remember our fallen heroes, today, and every day. Celebrate their lives, and understand their cause. In their name, become active in your community – in any number of ways, and help to build the future that they held so dear."



Several hundred people attended Monday's Memorial Day ceremony at Veteran's Park.

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Veterans make their way in Hardwick center for Memorial Day observances in Hardwick.



Town Clerk Ryan Witkos reads the names of residents who have died serving the country at the



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Stan's Sunday. The Veterans Council organizes Memorial Day ceremonies each year, including the luncheon.

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State Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, and State Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, both spoke. West Brookfield American Legion Post 244 provided an honor guard while Warren Police Officer and retired Major in the

United States Army National Guard Rene Cote, presented the American flag. A student from the Warren Community Elementary School gave the Gettysburg Address. Following the ceremony, the Veterans Council provided a luncheon to all veterans, families and officials.



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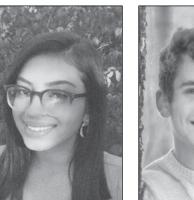
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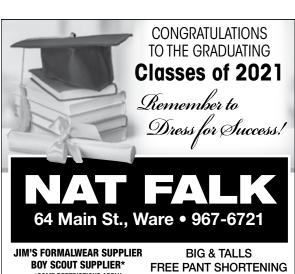
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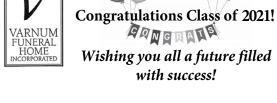
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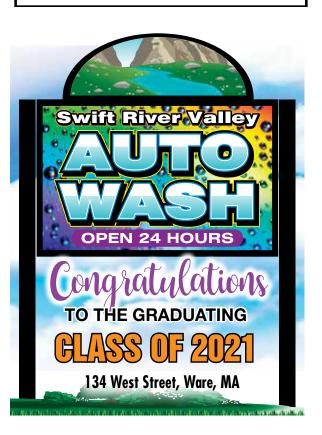
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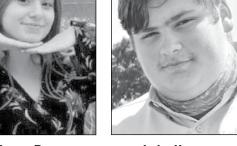
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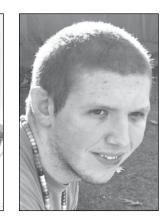








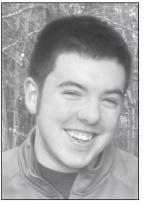














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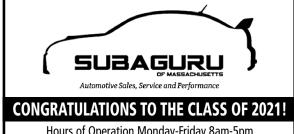
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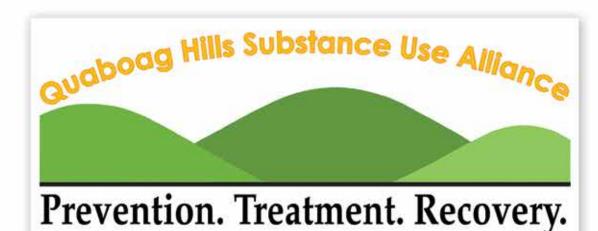
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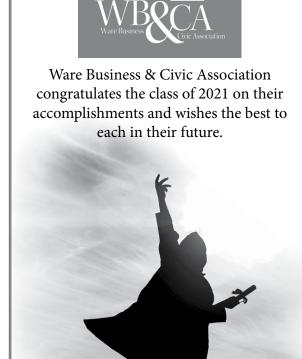
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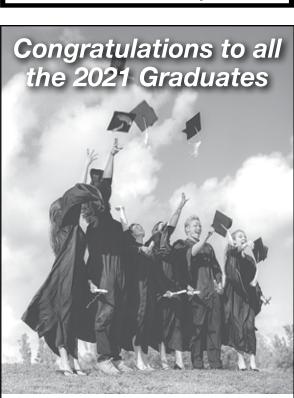
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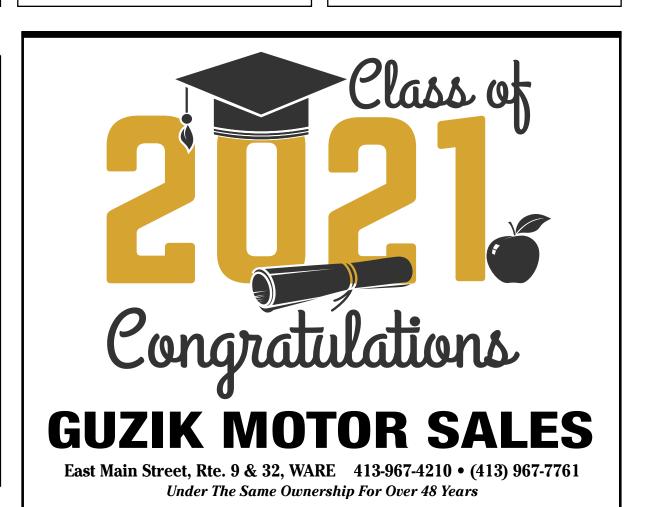
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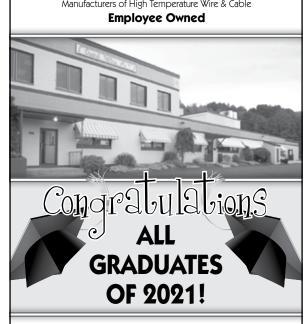
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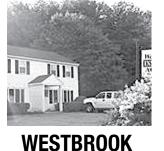
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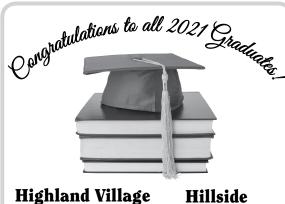


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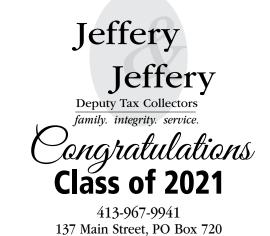
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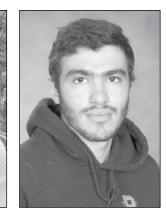
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Indians fall in battle of undefeated



Pitcher Keith Smith fires in the third inning of Ware's battle with Granby last week.

WARE - Granby and Ware entered their first meeting of the regular season as the only remaining undefeated baseball teams in the Bi-County League.

The Rams kept their perfect season hopes alive by posting a 10-0 shutout victory over the Indians at historic Memorial Field in Ware, last Monday night, May 24. The

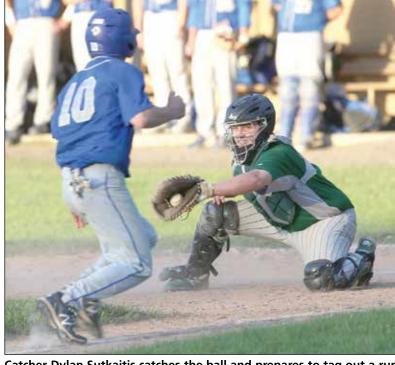
game ended following the sixth inning due to the 10-run mercy

"You never know what's going to happen in a baseball game," said Granby varsity coach Jim Woods.

"Tonight's game could've gone either way.'

The Rams (6-0), who pounded out a total of 16 hits, were led offensively by senior third baseman Nolan Sullivan, who had three base hits and two RBIs. Five other Granby players had two hits in the

"Everyone got involved offensively from top to bottom, which was nice to see," Woods added.



Catcher Dylan Sutkaitis catches the ball and prepares to tag out a runner at home.

"Our starting pitcher also did an outstanding job. We just played a great game tonight."

Junior righthander Ryan Gaughan, who has been a member of the Rams varsity baseball team since the eighth grade, went the distance allowing no runs on five hits, which were all singles. He issued two walks and struck

'Ware was undefeated, and they had their best pitcher on the mound, so we were expecting it to be a close game," said Gaughan, who improved his record to 2-0.

"This is the first time that we've beaten Ware since I've been a member of the varsity baseball team and it just feels great."

Gaughan was in the seventh

grade when Granby defeated Ware, 6-5, in the Western Mass. Division 4 semifinals at Earl Lorden Field located on the UMass-Amherst

Gaughan didn't allow any earned runs in his first start of the season against Hampshire

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Track success

BARRE - Both the Quabbin Regional High School boys and girls track meets have had very successful campaigns during the past few weeks. The girls are now 3-0 heading into their final meet. Five girls competed at relays in the cold rain last Saturday. Toni Sacramone (shot put), Maddie Breuer (triple jump (5th), 4x200, sprint medley), Riley Rischitelli (4x200, sprint medley), Leah Baxter (long jump (6th), 4x200, sprint medley) and Natalia Marchand (4x200, sprint medley). The 4x200 team won the event and broke the 2011 school record, previously held by Dylan Baker, Haley Bardin, Haley Crockett and Tove Freeman by a full second. The distance for the sprint medley was new this year for the girls, Breuer, Rischitelli, Baxter and Marchand came in second and ran a strong time for future teams to strive to break.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



at the discus.



Ouabbin track has been back in action since the beginning of May.



Track meets have been limited to just two teams instead of tri and quad meets.



Emma Masser gets her throw off.



Owen Fauhla throws the javelin.

Pathfinder edged by Franklin Tech

By Tim Peterson Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE—The only two

seniors playing for Pathfinder this year are Thomas Swift and Jordan Talbot.

They were honored, along with senior team manager Anthony Serricchio, in a ceremony held prior to the start of last Thursday night's home game versus Franklin County Tech.

A couple of hours later, the Pioneers nearly capped off senior night by celebrating an extra innings victory.

The Pioneers came back from an early 3-0 deficit to tie score at 3-3 in the bottom of the second inning. They also trailed, 7-3, before tying the score once again at 7-7 with two outs in the fifth inning. The game remained tied until the top of the eighth. That's when Franklin Tech pushed across the go-ahead run and they enjoyed the trip back to Turners Falls following an 8-7 win.

Not very much has gone the Pioneers (1-9) way so far this sea-

"We haven't been able to put everything together in a game so far this season," Talbot said. "It

was looking like we had finally put it all together in tonight's game, but we just couldn't finish it in the end. This was a tough game to lose.'

Swift, who's a righthander, was the Pioneers starting pitcher on senior night, while Talbot was the starting catcher.

"Coming into tonight's game, I wanted Jordan to be my catcher because we've worked very well together," Swift said. "It has been a lot of fun playing on the same baseball team with him the past couple of years. It was also nice celebrating senior night together."

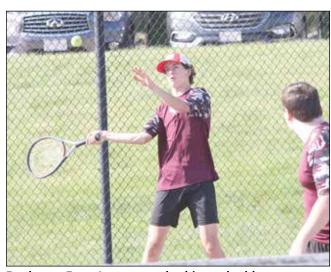
Talbot, who was the winning pitcher in the Pioneers only victory against Gateway, replaced Swift on the mound with one out in the fifth inning against Franklin Tech.

"The game plan was for me to start the game and then have Jordan follow me as a relief pitcher," Swift said. "It was pretty cool having the only two seniors on the team pitch on senior

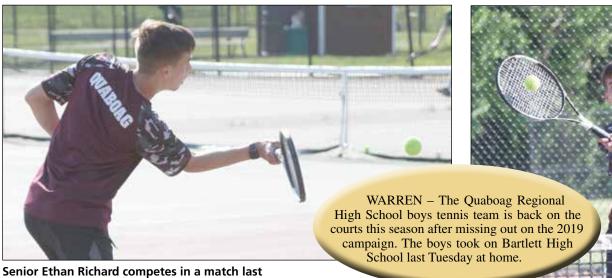
Talbot and Swift have known each other since they were eighth

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QUABOAG BOYS TENNIS ACTION



Freshman Evan Long gets the hit as doubles teammate Liam Flynn watches.



Brandon Allen returns a hit in singles action.

Wednesday afternoon against Bartlett High School.



Hope Santaniello, of Agawam, looks to deke around an opponent.

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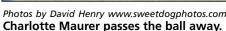
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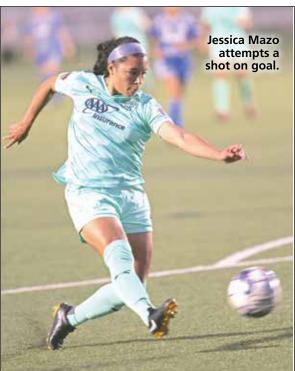
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Mutiny pick up first win

LUDLOW On May 22, the Mutiny won its first game of the season with the help of a lot of offense. The Mutiny defeated Connecticut Rush 6-1. Alexis Legowski, of South Hadley, and Lily Fabian, of Monson, had goals. Hope Santaniello, of Agawam, provided an assist in the win.







Charlotte Maurer passes the ball away.



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'Ryan's first two starts of the season have been very good," Woods said. "He hasn't given up an earned run yet. We've had four different starting pitchers in our first six games."

The other three Granby starting pitchers are junior Connor Asselin, junior Collin Kennedy, and Sullivan, who'll be playing college baseball at Nichols College next year.

The Indians had a 7-1 overall record following last Monday's loss against the Rams.

"Granby came here and just outplayed us," said Ware varsity coach Scott Slattery. "They were the better team tonight and I tip my hat to them. This was a good learning experience for my guys."

Ware senior righthander Keith Smith gave up seven runs on 14 hits in 4 2/3 innings. He threw 119 pitches before trading places with junior Andrew Soltys, who was the Indians starting shortstop. Soltys, who's a righty, hurled the final 1 1/3 allowing three runs on two hits.

The Rams hit a leadoff triple in each of the first three innings, which is something that both head coaches had never seen done in a game before.

"I've been coaching baseball for the past 19 years and I've never seen a team hit three leadoff triples in a game before," Woods said. "All three of those balls were crushed and a couple of them probably would've gone over the outfield fence at our field."

Gaughan leadoff the top of the first inning by blasting a triple to deep left field.

"That was my first triple of the season," Gaughan said. "We hit the ball very well in tonight's game."

Gaughan scored the game's first run with one out on a sacrifice fly to right field junior Raymond Toth, who was the Rams starting shortstop.

Raymond and his twin brother Michael, who's a junior catcher, transferred to Granby High School from Williston.

"Adding those two players to our team this year has been huge for us," Woods said. "Michael does a good job as our starting catcher and Raymond controls things up the middle. He can also pitch. They're also good hitters."

Michael Toth has verbally committed to play baseball at UMass-Amherst in a couple of

With one-out in the bottom of the first inning, Smith drew a walk and went to second on a tapper in front of the plate by senior first baseman Dillon Slattery. Gaughan ended that threat with a strikeout.

Kennedy (2-for-3), who started at first base, belted a triple to right field leading off the second inning. He was tagged out by Ware freshman catcher Dylan Sutkaitis trying to score on a ground ball to third base Asselin, who finished the game with two singles.

The Rams didn't go down quietly in that frame. Senior center fielder Dylan Moriarty reached first base on a fielding error and sophomore leftfielder Daniel Gauvin (2-for-3) lined a RBI single to left driving home Asselin, who started at second base, with the Rams second run.

Raymond Toth (2-for-5) tripled to left field leading off the third inning and he crossed the plate on an RBI single by Sullivan.

Granby entered the bottom of the third inning holding a 5-0 lead following a sacrifice fly by Moriarty and another RBI single by Gauvin.

The Rams scored single runs in both the fourth and fifth innings. Both of those runs were driven Photo by David Henry

John Mumper makes an off-balance throw to first.

home by Sullivan, who almost had his team's fourth triple of the game in the fourth inning. He was tagged out by Ware junior third baseman Cam Balicki.

Ware freshman second baseman John Mumper ended Guaghan's no-hit bid with a ground ball single past third base leading off the bottom of the fourth.

Two of the Indians other hits in the game were by junior left fielder Tyler Orszulak. Sophomore Owen Welsh, who was a pinch hitter in the fifth, and senior DH Aiden Clark also had base hits for the home team.

The Rams added three more runs in the top of the sixth. Sophomore left fielder Jonathan Santiago (2-for-4) knocked two of those runs by hitting a single into left.

Gaughan held the Indians at bay in the bottom half of the inning ending the ballgame a little bit early.

PATHFINDER from page 17

graders at the Jabish Middle School in Belchertown.

Talbot is a Belchertown resident, while Swift was a school choice student from Ware as an eighth grader. They were both freshman members of the Pathfinder varsity baseball team the following year.

"Tommy and I have built a very good friendship during the past several years," said Talbot, who was also a member of the football

and boys' varsity basketball team during his high school athletic career. "We're planning to keep in contact with each other after we graduate."

Swift, who also played soccer in high school, is planning enlist in the Army full time.

"I'm going to be enlisting in the Army," Swift said. "My life dream has always been to serve my coun-

In the fall, Talbot will be a freshman at Norwich University, which is a private military academy located in Northfield, Vermont. He'll be a pitcher on the Cadets baseball team in the spring of 2022.

"I'm really looking forward to being a pitcher on the Norwich baseball team next year. Standing on the mound is one of my favorite things to do," Talbot said. "I was also interested in the engineering program at Norwich."

The last member of the Pathfinder baseball team to play college baseball was Andrew Roman. He's a senior pitcher on this year's Salve Regina University

baseball team, which qualified for the NCAA Division 3 tournament.

Swift allowed seven runs on nine base hits in his senior night start against Franklin Tech (6-4), who also defeated Pathfinder, 10-0, in the season opener.

Talbot allowed the two base runners that he inherited in the fifth inning to score, which gave the Eagles a 7-3 lead.

The Pioneers, who had scored all three of their runs in the second inning with the help of four errors, put four more runs on the rightfield scoreboard in the bottom of

The scoring spree began with an RBI single to right field by junior second baseman Jeremy Bouthiller, who's father, Paul, is the Pioneers first-year head coach. Then Swift hit a chopper up the middle into center field for his second hit of the game putting runners at the corners. A double to right field by junior leftfielder Cameron Zoto drove home both runners slicing the deficit to 7-6. The tying run by sophomore third baseman Jason Swistak, who had a team-leading three base hits.

The Pioneers left two runners in scoring position in the sixth inning. Talbot singled leading off the bottom of the seventh before stealing second base. He was stranded there as the next three batters struck out.

Talbot, who recorded seven strikeouts, managed to keep the ballgame tied in the sixth and seventh innings before allowing the go-ahead run to score with twoscored on an RBI single to center outs in the top of the eighth.

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NOTICE OF

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE Premises: 36 Gould Road, Ware, Massachusetts By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Robert W. Fontaine to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., said mortgage dated January 28, 2011, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, in Book 10469 at Page 170, and now held by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, by virtue of an assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, dated May 30, 2017 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12645, Page 85, previously assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of America, N.A., to PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, dated April 20, 2017 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12622, Page 82, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on June 25, 2021 at 12:00 **PM** Local Time upon the

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act that a Public Hearing will be held for a Notice of Intent on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville. All interested parties are urged to attend.

Applicant: Gadoury, J. Jill Development, LLC Description of Work:

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Town of Hardwick Conservation

Commission Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act that a Public Hearing will be held for a Notice of Intent on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the via Zoom. Check the Town website (www.townofhardwick. com) for the link to the meeting. All interested parties are urged to attend.

Applicant: Susan Cupero Description of Work:

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SP-2021-04 NOTICE is hereby given that the Ware Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 7:10 PM on the application of Bond Construction Corporation for a Special Permit (SP-2021-04). Applicant is requesting approval for an earth removal operation under Section 4.8.5, of the Zoning Bylaw, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A. The hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Town Hall, Ware, MA. Public is encouraged

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1861; Password: 01082. SITE LOCATION: 240 Babcock Tavern Road, Ware, MA. Deed recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 12833, Page 207. Assessor's Parcel 4-0-14. Zoned: Rural Residential (RR).

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WARE PLANNING BOARD Joshua Kusnierz, Chairman

05/27, 06/03/2021

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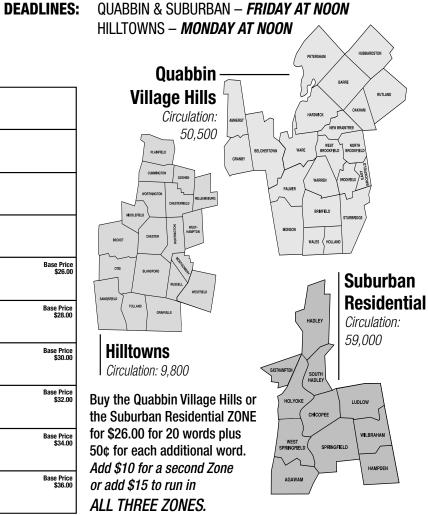
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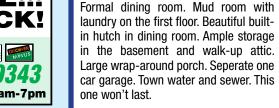
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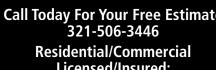


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